



TREATY No. 6



TREATY No. 7



TREATY No. 8

ASSEMBLY OF TREATY CHIEFS RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION: 27-01-2010/#004 R

SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE

WHEREAS the Chiefs of Treaty No. 6, Treaty No. 7, Treaty No. 8 [Alberta] known as the Assembly of Treaty Chiefs did meet in a duly convened Special Chiefs Assembly on Health held at the Edmonton Marriot, River Cree Resort and Casino in Enoch Cree Nation on January 26th and 27th, 2010; and

WHEREAS Cindy Blackstock, First Nations Child & Family Caring Society made a presentation to the Special Chiefs Assembly on Health regarding Jordan's Principle; and,

WHEREAS Jordan's Principle is a child first principle to resolving jurisdictional disputes within and between federal and provincial/territorial governments. It applies to all government services available to children, youth and their families as a first priority; and,

WHEREAS the federal government's response to Jordan's Principle is focused on First Nations children "ordinarily resident" on reserve with "multiple disabilities who require services from multiple service providers"; and

WHEREAS the government's approach to piece meal the original intent of Jordan's Principle is totally unacceptable as it excludes directly impacted First Nations from accessing timely delivery of quality access services; and

WHEREAS in February 2007, the Assembly of First Nations and the First Nations Caring Society, took action and filed a human rights complaint with the Canadian Human Rights Commission alleging INAC consciously

underfunds First Nations child welfare on reserves resulting in growing numbers of First Nations children going into child welfare care; and

WHEREAS the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal started hearing the case on September 14, 2009, and the federal government is trying to derail the Tribunal on legal technicalities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of Treaty Chiefs fully supports and endorse Jordan's Principle to resolving jurisdictional disputes affecting services to First Nations children; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Jordan's Principle be immediately implemented by the federal departments in Canada so as to put the care of the child first, inclusive of all First Nations children with "Special Needs", and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that current discussions regarding Jordan's Principle happening nationally and within the Alberta Region be opened to include First Nations representatives; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that while we wait for an official national strategy to implement a child first principle, an interim process be immediately developed and implemented prior to March 31, 2010 in order to serve those children in need.

**MOVED BY: CHIEF ROSE LABOUCAN,
DRIFTPILE FIRST NATION**

**SECONDED BY: CHIEF EDDY MAKOKIS,
SADDLE LAKE CREE NATION**

QUESTION CALLED

VOTE: CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FOR: 29

AGAINST: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

RESOLUTIONS CHAIRPERSON:



Marlene Poitras